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71-08-01-01. Ability to elect to transfer into the defined contribution retirement plan. Once a member of the public employees retirement system under North Dakota Century Code chapter 54-52 has declined or failed to elect to transfer into the defined contribution retirement plan, that member may not later elect to transfer unless one of the following applies:

1. The member is appointed or elected to a new office that is eligible for the defined contribution retirement plan.
2. The member leaves eligible employment and later reacquires eligible employment.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-02

71-08-01-02. Vesting in transferred accumulated fund balance. Vesting in that portion of the accumulated fund balance attributable to the employer's

contribution which is transferred from the defined benefit public employees retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 54-52.6-03 will follow the same schedule provided in North Dakota Century Code section 54-52.6-10.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-03, 54-52.6-10

71-08-01-03. Spousal signature requirements. For purposes of the spousal signature requirements of subsection 4 of North Dakota Century Code section 54-52.6-02 and North Dakota Century Code section 54-52.6-11, extenuating circumstances alleviating the requirement of a spouse's signature are only present if the board determines the spouse is unavailable for the entire election period or the member has a power of attorney over the spouse which would legally allow the member to sign for the spouse.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-02(4), 54-52.6-11

71-08-01-04. Transfer of members with qualified domestic relations orders on their accounts. Members of the public employees retirement system under North Dakota Century Code chapter 54-52 who have a valid qualified domestic relations order on their account may only transfer to the defined contribution retirement plan if they obtain a new qualified domestic relations order from the applicable court. The account shall not be transferred unless both the participating member and the member's ex-spouse agree to transfer to the defined contribution retirement plan.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-12

71-08-01-05. Transfer amount of persons transferring into eligible employment after December 31, 1999. The amount the board shall transfer for persons beginning or transferring to eligible employment after December 31, 1999, shall equal the actual employer and employee contributions plus interest, as provided in subsection 2 of North Dakota Century Code section 54-52.6-03.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-03

71-08-01-06. Public employees retirement system retirees not eligible to transfer upon return to work. A member of the public employees retirement system defined benefit plan who has retired and received a retirement annuity and later returns to work in a position that is eligible for the defined contribution retirement plan is nonetheless ineligible to transfer into the defined contribution

retirement plan and must remain a member of the public employees retirement system.

History: Effective July 1, 2000.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-02

71-08-01-07. Late election opportunity. An eligible member who is not provided a timely opportunity to enroll in the defined contribution plan within the first six months of employment may be provided additional time to make an election if:

1. The executive director determines that the member was not given an election opportunity within the first six months of employment. The executive director shall then give the member a special enrollment opportunity of three months beginning from the date a new enrollment packet is mailed to the member.
2. The board determines that member was not given timely notice or the member was unable to make an election within the first six months. If the board determines that the member should have an additional election opportunity, the member shall have three months from the date a new enrollment packet is mailed to the member.

History: Effective April 1, 2002.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.6-02